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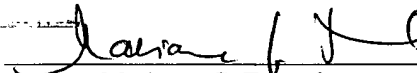
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DAMPER MEANS

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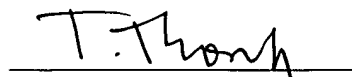

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH

Applicant respectfully petitions that he be granted an extension of time within the first month, until July 11, 2005, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a), and 1.7, to file a Response to the Final Office Action mailed March 11, 2005. Our check in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed for the fee for a small entity to obtain this extension.

If for any reason this Petition is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

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